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Jocelyn G. Boyd, Esquire
Chief Clerk & Administrator
Public Service Commission of South Carolina
101 Executive Center Drive, Suite 100
Columbia, South Carolina 29210

RE: Application of Palmetto State Utility Services, Incorporated for Authority to Issue
and Sell Securities (Long-Term) and Distribute Dividends
Docket No. 2019-200-WS

Dear Ms. Boyd:

By this letter, the South Carolina Office of Regulatory Staff ("ORS") hereby notifies the Public Service Commission of South Carolina ("Commission") that ORS does not oppose the Application of Palmetto State Utility Services, Inc. ("PSUS") for authority to issue and sell securities. According to its Application, PSUS intends to either sell common stock or borrow money from its parent, American State Utility Services, Inc. ("ASUS"), to capitalize its operations at Fort Jackson, South Carolina. The proceeds of the sale or loan, as outlined in this Application, shall be used to fund the operations, maintenance, and capital improvements, if needed, of the water distribution and waste water systems at Fort Jackson. As stated in the Application, PSUS requires this financing from ASUS to fulfill its contractual obligations to the federal government. No other public or governmental utility is authorized to serve the water or wastewater needs of Fort Jackson.

Sincerely,

Andrew M. Bateman

cc: All Parties of Record (via E-mail)
Joseph Melchers, Esquire (via E-mail)